

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

*The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings of the claims in this application.*

**LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently amended) ~~The~~A compound according to ~~any one of claims 1-3~~ claim 19, wherein R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> represent hydrogen;  
or a salt of the compound.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Currently amended) ~~The~~A compound according to ~~any one of claims 1-3~~ claim 19, wherein one or two substituents selected from R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> independently represent methyl, trifluoromethyl, methoxy, fluoro, chloro or bromo;  
or a salt of the compound.
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Currently amended) ~~The~~A compound according to claim 19, wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of:

(2-benzyloxy-carbonyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;  
(2-butoxy-carbonyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;  
(2-*9H*-fluoren-9-ylmethoxy-carbonyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;  
(2-acetyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;  
(2-phenylacetyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;  
(2-benzoyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;  
[2-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
(2-cyclohexanecarbonyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;  
[2-(4-methoxy-benzoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(thiophene-2-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(furan-2-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
(2-cyclopropanecarbonyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;  
[2-(naphthalene-1-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(2-methoxy-benzoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(4-trifluoromethyl-benzoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(3-cyclopentyl-propionyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(3-phenyl-propionyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(biphenyl-4-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(4-tert-butyl-benzoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(4-trifluoromethoxy-benzoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-((*E*)-but-2-enoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(4-chloro-benzoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(3,5-dimethoxy-benzoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
(2-diphenylacetyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;  
(2-hexanoyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;  
[2-(3-chloro-benzoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(4-bromo-benzoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(pyridine-3-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
(2-benzoyl-8-methoxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;  
(2-benzoyl-7-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;

(2-benzoyl-8-bromo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;  
(2-benzoyl-8-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;  
(2-benzoyl-6-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;  
~~[2-(pyrazine-2-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;~~  
[2-(2-bromo-3-methyl-benzoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
~~[2-(4'-ethyl-biphenyl-4-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;~~  
[2-(2-bromo-5-methyl-benzoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid; or  
~~[2-(2-chloro-6-methyl-pyridine-4-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;~~  
~~[2-(biphenyl-2-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;~~  
~~[2-(5-bromo-furan-2-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;~~  
~~[2-(3-methyl-furan-2-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;~~  
~~[2-(2-methyl-furan-3-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;~~  
~~[2-(benzo[*b*]thiophene-2-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;~~  
~~[2-(5-chloro-thiophene-2-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;~~  
~~[2-(furan-3-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;~~  
~~[2-(2-naphthalen-2-yl-acetyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;~~  
~~[2-(thiophene-3-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;~~  
~~[2-(2-naphthalen-1-yl-acetyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid; rac. [2-(2-  
cyclohexyl-2-phenyl-acetyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;~~  
~~(2-phenylcarbamoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;~~  
~~(2-ethylcarbamoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;~~  
sodium (2-phenethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetate;  
sodium [2-(3-phenyl-propyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetate;  
[2-(2-ethoxy-naphthalene-1-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
~~[2-(3-methyl-thiophene-2-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;~~  
~~[2-(5-methyl-thiophene-2-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid; and~~  
~~[2-(pyridine-4-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;~~  
or a salt of the compound.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently amended) ~~The~~A compound according to claim 19, wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of:

5-carboxymethyl 7-chloro-1,3,4,5-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indole-2-carboxylic acid-*tert*-butyl ester;

5-carboxymethyl 8-chloro-1,3,4,5-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indole-2-carboxylic acid-*tert*-butyl ester;

5-carboxymethyl 6-chloro-1,3,4,5-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indole-2-carboxylic acid-*tert*-butyl ester;

5-carboxymethyl 7-methyl-1,3,4,5-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indole-2-carboxylic acid-*tert*-butyl ester;

5-carboxymethyl 8-methyl-1,3,4,5-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indole-2-carboxylic acid-*tert*-butyl ester;

8-bromo-5-carboxymethyl-1,3,4,5-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indole-2-carboxylic acid-*tert*-butyl ester;

5-carboxymethyl 8-fluoro-1,3,4,5-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indole-2-carboxylic acid-*tert*-butyl ester;

[7-chloro-2-(3-chloro-benzoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;

[8-chloro-2-(3-chloro-benzoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;

[6-chloro-2-(3-chloro-benzoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;

[2-(3-chloro-benzoyl)-7-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;

[2-(3-chloro-benzoyl)-8-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;

[8-bromo-2-(3-chloro-benzoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;

[2-(3-chloro-benzoyl)-8-fluoro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;

[8-chloro-2-(thiophene-2-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;

[6-chloro-2-(thiophene-2-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;

[8-bromo-2-(thiophene-2-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;

[8-fluoro-2-(thiophene-2-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;

[7-chloro-2-(thiophene-2-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;

[7-methyl-2-(thiophene-2-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;

[8-methyl-2-(thiophene-2-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;

[8-fluoro-2-(2-methoxy-naphthalene-1-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;

[8-fluoro-2-(4-methoxy-naphthalene-1-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;

[8-chloro-2-(2-methoxy-naphthalene-1-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;

[8-chloro-2-(4-methoxy-naphthalene-1-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;

[2-(2-methoxy-naphthalene-1-carbonyl)-8-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;

[2-(4-methoxy-naphthalene-1-carbonyl)-8-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;

2-(2-methoxy-naphthalene-1-carbonyl)-7-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;

[2-(2-ethoxy-naphthalene-1-carbonyl)-8-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;

[2-(2-ethoxy-naphthalene-1-carbonyl)-7-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;

[2-(4-methoxy-naphthalene-1-carbonyl)-7-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;

[2-(2-fluoro-benzoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;

[2-(3-fluoro-benzoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;

[2-(3,5-difluoro-benzoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;

[2-(3,4,5-trifluoro-benzoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;

[2-(2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-benzoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;

(2-benzoyl-8-fluoro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;

(2-benzoyl-6-chloro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;

(2-benzoyl-8-isopropyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;

(2-benzoyl-8-chloro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;

(2-benzoyl-7,8-dichloro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;

(2-benzoyl-8-trifluoromethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;

(2-benzoyl-8-*tert*-butyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;  
(2-benzoyl-7-chloro-8-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;  
(2-benzoyl-7,8-dimethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;  
(2-benzoyl-7-fluoro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;  
[7-chloro-2-(2-naphthalen-1-yl-acetyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[8-chloro-2-(2-naphthalen-1-yl-acetyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[7-methyl-2-(2-naphthalen-1-yl-acetyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[8-bromo-2-(2-naphthalen-1-yl-acetyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(4'-ethyl-biphenyl-4-carbonyl)-7-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[8-bromo-2-(4'-ethyl-biphenyl-4-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(4'-ethyl-biphenyl-4-carbonyl)-8-fluoro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[6-chloro-2-(4'-ethyl-biphenyl-4-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[7-chloro-2-(4'-ethyl-biphenyl-4-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[8-chloro-2-(4'-ethyl-biphenyl-4-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(4'-ethyl-biphenyl-4-carbonyl)-8-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[8-methyl-2-(2-naphthalen-1-yl-acetyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[6-chloro-2-(2-naphthalen-1-yl-acetyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[8-chloro-2-(naphthalene-1-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[6-chloro-2-(naphthalene-1-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[7-methyl-2-(naphthalene-1-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[8-methyl-2-(naphthalene-1-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[8-bromo-2-(naphthalene-1-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[8-fluoro-2-(naphthalene-1-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[8-fluoro-2-(2-naphthalen-1-yl-acetyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;

[2-(2-bromo-3-methyl-benzoyl)-7-chloro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(2-bromo-3-methyl-benzoyl)-8-chloro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(2-bromo-3-methyl-benzoyl)-6-chloro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(2-bromo-3-methyl-benzoyl)-7-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(2-bromo-3-methyl-benzoyl)-8-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[8-bromo-2-(2-bromo-3-methyl-benzoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(2-bromo-3-methyl-benzoyl)-8-fluoro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[8-bromo-2-(2-ethoxy-naphthalene-1-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(2-ethoxy-naphthalene-1-carbonyl)-8-fluoro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[8-chloro-2-(2-ethoxy-naphthalene-1-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(4-methoxy-naphthalene-1-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(5-bromo-naphthalene-1-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(4-methyl-naphthalene-1-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(2-methyl-naphthalene-1-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
~~[2-(biphenyl-3-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;~~  
[2-(4-fluoro-naphthalene-1-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(2-methoxy-naphthalene-1-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;

or

2-(9-oxo-9*H*-fluorene-2-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(9*H*-fluorene-1-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(9*H*-fluorene-4-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(2,4,6-trifluoro-benzoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
~~[2-(4-cyclohexyl-benzoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;~~  
~~[2-(1*H*-indole-4-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;~~  
~~[2-(2-fluoro-phenyl-carbamoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;~~

[2-(3-fluoro-phenylearbamoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(4-fluoro-phenylearbamoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
(2-*o*-tolylearbamoyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;  
(2-*m*-tolylearbamoyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;  
(2-*p*-tolylearbamoyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;  
(2-benzylearbamoyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;  
(2-phenethylearbamoyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;  
[2-(naphthalen-1-ylearbamoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(naphthalen-2-ylearbamoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(biphenyl-2-ylearbamoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
(2-cyclohexylearbamoyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;  
[2-(2-chloro-phenylearbamoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
[2-(4-fluoro-phenylthiocarbamoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
(2-phenylthiocarbamoyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;  
(2-phenethylthiocarbamoyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;  
(2-cyclohexylthiocarbamoyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;  
(2-benzylthiocarbamoyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;  
[2-(2-chloro-phenylthiocarbamoyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid;  
(2-*p*-tolylthiocarbamoyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;  
(2-*m*-tolylthiocarbamoyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid; and  
(2-*o*-tolylthiocarbamoyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl)-acetic acid;  
or a salt of the compound.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one compound according to any one of claims 4, 10, 12 ~~or 13~~, 19, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, or 36 or a salt of the compound, and an inert carrier material and/or adjuvant.

15. (Currently amended) A method for ~~preventing or treating a chronic or acute allergic/immune disorder~~ of antagonizing prostaglandin D2 mediated hCRTH2 receptor activity.



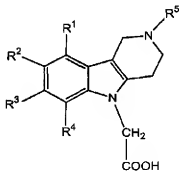
comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of the compound according to any one of claims 1, 10, 12 ~~or 13~~, 19, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, or 36, or a salt of the compound.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently amended) The method of claim 15, ~~for preventing or treating a chronic or acute allergic/immune disorder, comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of the compound according to any one of claims 1, 10, 12 and 13, wherein said disorder includes~~ wherein the subject suffers from allergic asthma, rhinitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, dermatitis, inflammatory bowel disease, rheumatoid arthritis, allergic nephritis, conjunctivitis, atopic dermatitis, bronchial asthma, food allergy, systemic mast cell disorders, anaphylactic shock, urticaria, eczema, itching, inflammation, ischemia reperfusion injury, cerebrovascular disorders, pleuritis, ulcerative colitis, Churg-Strauss syndrome, or sinusitis, basophilic leukemia, or basophilic leukocytosis.

19. (New) The compound of Formula I,



(I)

wherein

R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> independently represent hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-alkoxy, halogen, nitro, cyano or formyl; and

R<sup>5</sup> represents phenyl-carbonyl or naphthyl-carbonyl, wherein the phenyl or naphthyl moiety is

optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-alkoxy and halogen;  
or a salt of the compound.

20. (New) The compound according to claim 19, wherein R<sup>2</sup> is selected from methyl, fluoro, chloro, bromo and trifluoromethyl; R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen or chloro; and R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are both hydrogen; or a salt of the compound.

21. (New) The compound according to claim 19, wherein R<sup>5</sup> represents naphthyl-carbonyl, wherein the naphthyl moiety is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents selected from C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-alkoxy and halogen; or a salt of the compound.

22. (New) The compound according to claim 19, wherein R<sup>5</sup> represents naphthyl-carbonyl, wherein the naphthyl moiety is unsubstituted or substituted by one or two substituents selected from C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-alkoxy and halogen; or a salt of the compound.

23. (New) The compound according to claim 22, wherein said naphthyl-carbonyl is naphthalene-1-carbonyl; or a salt of the compound.

24. (New) The compound according to claim 22, wherein said substituents are selected from C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-alkoxy and halogen; or a salt of the compound.

25. (New) The compound according claim 22, wherein said substituents are selected from methoxy, ethoxy, and fluoro; or a salt of the compound.

26. (New) The compound according to claim 19, wherein R<sup>5</sup> represents phenyl-carbonyl, wherein the phenyl moiety is unsubstituted or substituted by one or two substituents selected from C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-alkoxy and halogen; or a salt of the compound.

27. (New) The compound according to claim 26, wherein said substituents are selected from C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-alkyl and halogen; or a salt of the compound.

28. (New) The compound according claim 26, wherein said substituents are selected from methyl, fluoro, chloro and bromo; or a salt of the compound.

29. (New) The compound according claim 19, wherein the compound is [8-fluoro-2-(2-methoxy-naphthalene-1-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid, or a salt of the compound.

30. (New) The compound according claim 19, wherein the compound is [8-chloro-2-(4-methoxy-naphthalene-1-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid, or a salt of the compound.

31. (New) The compound according claim 19, wherein the compound is [8-methyl-2-(naphthalene-1-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid, or a salt of the compound.

32. (New) The compound according claim 19, wherein the compound is [8-fluoro-2-(naphthalene-1-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid, or a salt of the compound.

33. (New) The compound according claim 19, wherein the compound is [8-chloro-2-(2-ethoxy-naphthalene-1-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid, or a salt of the compound.

34. (New) The compound according claim 19, wherein the compound is [2-(4-fluoro-naphthalene-1-carbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid, or a salt of the compound.

35. (New) The compound according claim 19, wherein the compound is [2-(3-chloro-benzoyl)-8-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid, or a salt of the compound.

36. (New) The compound according claim 19, wherein the compound is [2-(3-chloro-benzoyl)-8-fluoro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-pyrido[4,3-*b*]indol-5-yl]-acetic acid, or a salt of the compound.